Opportunity Eugene





Task Force Recommendations and Policy Framework

Agenda

Update

Opportunity Eugene Recommendations

Policy Framework

Update

\$189,716
Expansion of the SVdP
Lindholm
Service Station

Public Restroom relocation & signage

Community
Proposals for
Homeless
Camp

Sheltering and Day Services

Update

Eugene Mission / White Bird Partnership

\$189,716
White Bird's
Chrysalis Addiction
Recovery Services

Buckley House

Health Care, Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services

Update

HRC

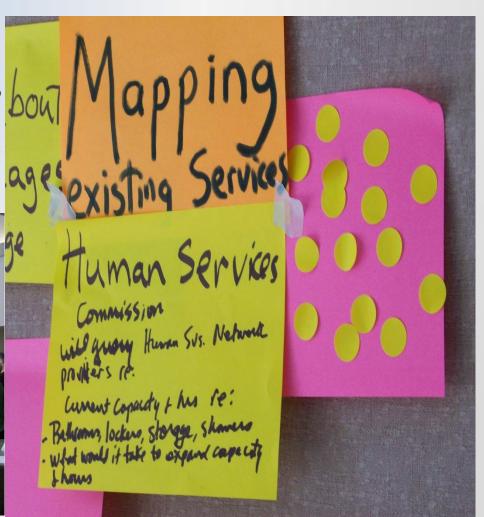
National Law
Center on
Homelessness
and Poverty

Human Rights

Opportunity Eugene

- 58 members
- Six meetings over 90 days
- Six Recommendations





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Create and Support Day Use Community Centers

The Task Force has identified a critical need for more day centers and for the increased capacity of existing day centers.

Improve Traditional and Non-Traditional Health Care Access

The combination of mental health issues, substance abuse, chronic homelessness, and physical illness affect a disproportionate number of homeless individuals.

Continue and Expand Existing Services to the Homeless

Understanding there is a strong social service network within the City of Eugene and Lane County, the task force is careful to suggest that any new initiatives do not result in diverting funding and support from existing homeless and low-income service providers.

Improve Laws and Ordinances that Criminalize and Block Homeless Individuals

Many city ordinances, codes and policies have the unintended effect of criminalizing life-sustaining activities. In addition they may serve to make it more difficult for people to access more permanent housing and shelter.

Create a Commission to Continue to Explore Homelessness Solutions

To strengthen the voice of these recommendations and ensure continued innovation as needed, it is important for an ongoing voice to champion the topic and keep it in the forefront of policy issues.

This body should work to create community engagement surrounding homelessness issues.

Identify & Establish Potential Sites

Direct city staff to work with community members to identify potential sites in order to establish a safe and secure place to be, opened by October 1, 2012, independently financed with oversight by a not-for-profit organization or agency.

Discussion

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- 4) Promote neighborhood livability.
- 5) Promote sustainability.
- 6) Have Measurable Outcomes
- 7) Pilot New Programs

1) Transition people away from homelessness

Actions should work to assist individuals and families in permanently breaking the cycle of homelessness

2) Create and promote health, safety and security throughout the community

Actions should promote the principles of health, safety and security both for the unhoused and housed residents of the City of Eugene

3) Utilize partnerships and share resources with stakeholders

Actions should involve the development of partnerships and the sharing of responsibilities and resources with other agencies and stakeholders.

4) Promote neighborhood livability

Actions should be built on efforts to garner community-support, be accessible to its beneficiaries and balance issues related to appropriate siting.

5) Promote sustainability

Actions should promote the City's Triple Bottom Line Framework and promote environmental, equity and fiscal sustainability

6) Produce Measurable Outcomes

Actions should define goals and be able to report on progress made toward reaching those goals.

7) Pilot New Programs

New projects should begin as pilots in their initial phases, with the possibility for growth as success and demand is demonstrated.

Council Options

- 1) Direct the City Manager to schedule a work session to a) finalize the policy framework, and b) evaluate the recommendations of the Opportunity Eugene Task Force based on this framework.
- 2) Direct the City Manager to solicit options to implement recommendation 1 (safe and secure site) of the Task Force, and evaluate them consistent with the policy framework as revised by the Council discussion, and bring this work to a work session.

3) Direct the City Manager to pursue implementation of any or all of the Opportunity Eugene Task Force recommendations without an additional policy framework.

Council Discussion